

Appl. No. : 10/669,081  
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### REMARKS

In response to a restriction requirement, Applicants elect to proceed with prosecution of Claims 1-24 (Group I) on the merits without prejudice to canceled Claims 25-26 (Group II).

In view of the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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